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Title : Statement regarding status of implementation of recommendations in 4th and 12th Reports of Standing Committee on Rural Development pertaining to the Ministry of Panchayati Raj.

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): Sir, on behalf of my senior Cabinet colleague, Shri Mani Shankar Aiyar, I rise to make the following statement regarding the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the Fourth Report of the Standing Committee on the Rural Development pertaining to the Ministry of Panchayati Raj. It is being made in pursuance of the direction 73-A of the hon. Speaker, Lok Sabha vide Lok Sabha Bulletin Part-II dated September 1, 2004.

The 4th Report of the Standing Committee on Rural Development (14th Lok Sabha) was presented to the Lok Sabha on 19th August 2004. The Report relates to examination of Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Rural Development for the year 2004-05.

Action taken statements on the recommendations/observations contained in the Report of the Committee had been sent to the Standing Committee on Rural Development on 15th December 2004.

There are nine recommendations made by the Committee in the said Report where action is called for on the part of the Government. These recommendations mainly pertained to Staff strength, allocation of funds for capacity building and training of elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions, Constitution of District Planning Commission, allocation of funds according to the recommendation of 11th Finance Commission, etc.

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The present status of implementation of various recommendations made by the Committee is indicated in the Annexure to my Statement, which is laid on the Table of the House. I would not like to take the valuable time of the House to read out all the contents of this Annexure. I would request that this may be considered as read.

12.08 hrs.

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(ii) Status of implementation of recommendations contained in Twelfth Report of Standing Committee on Rural Development pertaining to the Ministry of Panchayati Raj

MR. DEPUTY-SPEAKER: Shrimati Patil, you may lay the statement on the Table of the House.

*`THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRIMATI SURYAKANTA PATIL): Sir, I am laying this Statement on the status of implementation of recommendations contained in the 12th Report (14th Lok Sabha) of the Standing Committee on the Rural Development in pursuance of the direction 73-A of the hon. Speaker, Lok Sabha vide Lok Sabha Bulletin Part-II dated September 1, 2004.

The 12th Report of the Standing Committee on Rural Development (14th Lok Sabha) was presented to the Lok Sabha on 20th April 2005. The Report relates to examination of Demands for Grants of the Ministry of Panchayati Raj for the year 2005-06.

Action taken statements on the recommendations/observations contained in the Report of the Committee had been sent to the Standing Committee on Rural Development on 17th August, 2005.

There are 18 recommendations made by the Committee in the said Report where action is called for on the part of the Government. These recommendations mainly pertained to Staff strength, allocation of funds for capacity building and training of elected representatives of Panchayati Raj Institutions, constitution of District Planning Committees, allocation of funds according to the recommendations of 11th Finance Commission, etc.

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